

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ARDENWOOD HISTORIC BUILDINGS DEMOLITION PROJECT
PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH# 2013082045)**

Notice is hereby given that East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), as the Lead Agency, has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Ardenwood Historic Buildings Demolition Project. The Draft EIR was released to the public on November 4, 2013, which marks the start of the 45-day comment period as required under CEQA.

A copy of this Draft EIR has been sent to the State Clearinghouse and to those who requested a copy by responding to the NOP. It is also available for downloading from the EBRPD website at www.ebparks.org. Copies are also available at the Alameda County Public Libraries at 2450 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont and 6300 Civic Terrace Ave., Newark.

Project Location and Description: The Ardenwood Historic Buildings Demolition Project is located in the Ardenwood Historic Farm Regional Preserve, at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, Fremont, Alameda County, California. The proposed project is the demolition of three historic buildings, known as the Bettencourt and Brown Houses and the Mowry Schoolhouse, which were moved from other locations in 1984-1985 and stored on cribbing at Ardenwood. Previous efforts at restoration and reuse by the District have been unsuccessful due to the high cost of renovation. Because of public safety issues, the East Bay Regional Park District has proposed demolition without replacement of the three structures.

Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: The DEIR identifies potential significant effects in the following areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, and utilities and service systems. Implementation of mitigation measures identified in the DEIR would reduce these potentially significant effects to a less than significant level.

Comment Period: EBRPD will receive public comments on the Draft EIR starting November 4, 2013 through December 18, 2013. Written comments should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2013 and should be sent to:

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Following the close of the DEIR comment period and preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), the East Bay Regional Park District's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing, adopt findings, and consider approval of the project, tentatively in January 2014. Board meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at 2:00 p.m. at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA. Check the Park District's website at www.ebparks.org for the hearing date or contact the Clerk of the Board at (510) 544-2020.